have any legal solution. Technical measures will have to be taken to safeguard re-occurrence of such incidences.

The contemplated steps include:

(i) Up-gradation of technical skills of veterinary staff.

(ii) Improved animal housing.

(iii) Keeping the number of animals in zoos within carrying capacity.

(iv) Improved hygiene and sanitation.

(v) Intensive checking of animal feed.

(vi) Use of Prophylactics and vaccines.

National Forestry Research Plan

2196. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has formulated any National Forestry Research Plan;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan; and

(c) what are the steps taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Forestry Research Plan after focusing the forestry and development opportunities and research directions, mentions development of forestry research in India. It further states the vision and strategy, research priorities, operational plan, implementation strategy and cost and investment in the National Forestry Research Plan. The implementation of the Plan has been decided to be done by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) and its institutes, State Forest Departments and by Universities, NGOs and Industries. In all, 588 research projects have been finalised, of which, 266 Projects have been identified to be implemented by ICFRE, 280 by State Forest Departments and remaining 42 by Universities, NGOs and Industries.

(c) Instructions have been issued by ICFRE that in future, only the projects mentioned in National Forestry Research Plan are to be taken up. Out of the 266 research projects identified for ICFRE, 109 are ongoing projects, for which funds are already available. For remaining 157 Projects which are new projects, it has been decided to arrange funding on priority basis. Various funding agencies have been approached for releasing funds for implementation of the projects enlisted in National Forestry Research Plan. State Governments have been requested to provide necessary funds for the projects to be implemented by State Forest Departments. It has been decided to organise meetings of Research Advisory Group on regular basis for reviewing the progress of on-going projects and implementation of new projects.

Flouting of Environmental Norms by DVB

2197. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DVB's Indraprastha Gas Turbine Power Station has been flouting environmental norms;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to take any stringent action against the DVB for not following environmental pollution norms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Government is not aware of any such violation by the Indraprastha Gas Turbine Power Station of Delhi Vidyut Board.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.